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Governor Honors Entire State Library Staff

Gov. Stan Stephens presented an Excellence in Performance Award to the entire staff of the Montana State Library during a ceremony Feb. 20 in the Capitol rotunda.

As part of the first annual Employee Recognition Day, the award was designed to honor state employees' commitment to quality public service.

The award plaque will be displayed in the State Library reception area.



State Library staff members pose with their Excellence in Performance Award presented February 20 by Gov. Stan Stephens. (Photo: Richard Miller)

Anaconda Library Faces Severe Budget Crunch

The Hearst Free Library in Anaconda is trying to survive until next year on about half its usual budget.

When the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission voted last year to cut the budget by removing the library fund from the general fund, the library automatically received 5 mills, or about \$43,000, which is approximately half its annual budget of about \$80,000.

Library director Deni Corrigan said a special resolution will be on the November general election ballot asking voters to contribute an extra 4 mills to bring the library budget back into line.

But even if the resolution passes, the extra money won't be available to the library until June of 1991.

Corrigan said the library will cut magazine subscriptions, ask patrons to "adopt" magazine subscriptions

and switch over to an economy book-purchase plan.

She indicated that further budget-cutting measures are up in the air.

"The problem is nobody has had to deal with anything like this, so nobody knows what comes next," she said.

Draft ILL Protocols Ready

Draft Interlibrary Loan protocols and a response sheet for comments are now available from the State Library.

After several recommendations that such protocols be implemented, State Library staff members Barbara Ridgway and Darlene Staffeldt volunteered to compile them.

For copies of the draft protocols and the response sheet, contact Diane Gunderson at 444-5349.

Casterline Joins Library Services Advisory Council

Evelyn Casterline has been appointed by the Montana State Library Commission to represent the Golden Plains Federation on the Montana Library Services Advisory Council.

Casterline, of Culbertson, replaces Johnette Grefe of Reserve, who resigned.

Questionnaire Results

The children's services questionnaire sent out in late January revealed the following:

Of 73 libraries responding by the February 16 deadline, 54 indicated they currently have summer reading programs, 17 said they do not, and 51 said they would participate in a statewide summer reading program.

PLEASE RETURN

MARCH 1990

Press Roundup

The following items come from recent press reports about library activities around the state:

New fax machines have been installed at the Golden Plains Federation headquarters libraries (public libraries in Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Valley Counties);

ILL requests have quadrupled at the Bitterroot Public Library, reports head librarian Gloria Langstaff;

Marion Branch Library held an open house February 12 for its first anniversary;

Great Falls Public Library may reorganize the staff to cut expenses;

Plains Public Library displayed work by Paradise artist Margaret Lacock during February;

Lewistown Junior High students donated \$150 from their annual candy sale to the city library's expansion fund;

The Conrad Public Library presented an evening of Russian cuisine and culture February 23;

The Wedsworth Memorial Library in Cascade began a remodeling project in February;

Miles City Public Library received a new microfilm and microfiche reader and printer;

A grant enabled the Prairie County Library in Terry to buy a TV and VCR for use by patrons;

Poet and ex-rodeo rider Paul Zarzyski read his work at the Augusta Community Library on February 18;

Stevensville Public Library received a \$1,000 grant to purchase agricultural and animal husbandry materials.

Forum Grants Available

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States is funding projects for college faculty, community leaders and citizens to publicly discuss constitutional issues.

Applications must be postmarked by May 1. Contact Cathy Siegner at 444-5353 for details.



Robert Cooper

Cooper Signs On To Organize Conference

Robert Cooper has contracted with the State Library to organize the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in Helena this fall or winter.

Originally from Chicago, Cooper has lived in the Helena area since 1986. He has taught community college courses in Oklahoma, has a recreation management degree from Southern Illinois University and is now working on a master's in human services from the College of Great Falls. He is also board chair of the Friends of the Lewis & Clark Public Library.

Cooper will work part-time for a few months and then go to full-time later this summer. He can be reached at 444-5350.

New Resources Available

The following books are available from the State Library:

- "Online Information Services For Secondary Students," 2nd edition, by Elizabeth Smith Aversa, Jacqueline C. Mancall and Diane Oesau, published by the American Library Association and the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources, 1989.

- "Policymaking For School Library Media Programs," by Marian Karpisek, published by ALA, 1989.

- "Matrix For Curriculum Planning In Library Media and Information Skills Education," by M. Elaine Anderson and Cindy Alley, published by the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, 1989.

- "Checklist of Library Building Design Considerations," edited by William W. Sannwald and Robert S. Smith, published by Library Administration and Management Association, division of ALA, 1988.

Call Information Resources at the State Library (444-3004) if you are interested in any of these titles.



Statutes Govern ILL Reimbursement Process

Several questions have arisen about how public libraries should handle ILL reimbursement revenue once their budgets for the year are already in place.

The State Library has determined that there are two statutes in the codes dealing with this issue, one for county libraries and one for city libraries. They allow county commissioners or city councils to appropriate money received from federal or state government regardless of when it is received.

The statutes also say, "The expenditure of said funds shall be according to federal requirements specified in the federal act or state requirements specified in the state legislation."

The specific codes are 7-6-2218 MCA (county) and 7-6-421 MCA (city). These are the statutes library boards should use if they are experiencing difficulty in receiving revenue from HB 193 for ILL reimbursement.

For more information, contact Sheila Cates at the State Library, 444-5353.

Computer Bulletin Board Accesses Health Data

Five Montana health science information specialists are providing specialized medical library services through HEALTHCON, an electronic bulletin board developed by the Montana Area Health Education Center in Bozeman.

To access the HEALTHCON library, call toll-free 1-800-544-2507. There is a fee to reimburse the library for time, copying, telephone, postage and computer search costs.

The information specialists staffing the HEALTHCON library are: Katherine Chew, Columbus Hospital, Great Falls; Julia Jensen, Billings Clinic; Suzy Holt, Shodair Children's Hospital, Helena; Susan Long, Kalispell Regional Hospital, and Jane Schafer, Saint Vincent Hospital and Health Center, Billings.

Upcoming Conferences

A workshop on **Intergenerational Programming**, or how to break down barriers between children's and adults services, will be held May 7 and 8 in Spokane and May 10 and 11 in Seattle.

The presenter is Rhea Joyce Rubin, an independent consultant and trainer.

For more information, call the UW Graduate School of Library and Information Science at 206-543-2310.

The 6th annual **National Bookmobile Conference** will take place June 3-5 in Columbus, Ohio. Call 614-644-7061 for details.

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, will hold middle and advanced management programs for library administrators in July and September of this year.

For more information, call Lori Beier at 513-529-2132.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc., will have an annual conference November 14-17 at the Red Lion in Salt Lake City.

For more information, call 315-445-8000.

Libraries Urged To Observe Earth Day

The 20th anniversary of Earth Day will take place April 22, and libraries are being asked to help encourage individual action for environmental protection through special book displays and other activities.

State Librarian Richard Miller will be sending a letter to libraries asking that they display books on recycling, global warming, landfill problems, etc., host a forum and institute recycling efforts during the week of Earth Day.

Jon Sesso, director of the State Library's Natural Resource Information System and a member of the statewide Earth Day planning committee, said libraries have a special role to play during the Earth Day observance.

"Libraries can be a focal point to promote environmental awareness in their communities because access to information is the key to action," he said.



SPRING INTO READING !

Livingston Library Hosts Student Poetry Program

On February 27, the Livingston Public Library hosted a program for high school students entitled "An Evening of Verse."

Participants included MSU professor Melody Zajdel, poet Greg Keeler, Livingston attorney Arnold Huppert and high school students. A poetry contest was held with winning poems read and prizes awarded.

Library director June Phillips said the event will probably be held annually. The program was videotaped and may be borrowed.

Fast Facts

● In 1985, there were an estimated 889 million adult illiterates in the world—more than one-fourth of the adult population.

(Source: UNESCO)



Dr. Sherrilynn Fuller

Fuller To Explain Clinical Research Methods At MLA

Dr. Sherrilynn Fuller, director of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Washington, will teach Montana medical librarians how to develop objective criteria for judging clinical trial literature during the Montana Library Association conference in Great Falls.

Fuller, who has a Ph.D. in library and information management from the University of Southern California and an M.L.S. from Indiana University, will discuss clinical trial research methods on Tuesday, April 24.

Special Libraries Grants Available For 1990

The Special Libraries Association will fund \$10,000 in grants this year for projects ranging from research studies to continuing education programs.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 1. For more information contact Tobi Brimsek at SLA, 202-234-4700.

Librarians Sought For Overseas Fellowships

The American Library Association and the U.S. Information Agency are sponsoring eight fellowships for librarians to work overseas beginning in September 1990.

The positions are in either public or academic libraries. Fellowships pay \$28,000 per year, and travel expenses for the fellow and one dependent are reimbursed.

Deadline for indicating interest is April 15. For more information, contact Cathy Siegner at 444-5353.



Pauli Named New Head Librarian In Missoula

David Pauli, an Oregon native who is director of the Northern Waters Library Service in Ashland, Wis., will be the new head librarian at the Missoula Public Library.

Pauli, 43, is expected to start his new job June 11 after his daughter graduates from high school.

He replaces Ted Schmidt, who left Missoula last fall to become director of the public library in Loveland, Colo.

Kathleen Bartlett will continue as interim library director until Pauli arrives.

Calendar of Events

March

- 30 Pathfinder Federation, Choteau
- 30 Voluntary Certification, Helena

April

- 7 Sagebrush Federation, Miles City
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Library Services Advisory Council, Great Falls
- 22-28 National Library Week
- 23 Center for the Book board meeting and reception, Washington, D.C.
- 23-25 MLA annual conference, Heritage Inn, Great Falls
- 24 ALA Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.
- 25-26 COSLA, Washington, D.C.

New officers of the Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium elected March 8: President Jan Kranski, Deaconess Medical Center librarian; Secretary Connie Lavoy, Rimrock Foundation librarian, and Treasurer Bill Kehler, Eastern Montana College librarian.

Susan Long, Kalispell Regional Hospital librarian, elected secretary of the Hospital Library Division of the Medical Library Association.

Academic Library Changes:

Noreen Alldredge, dean of libraries at MSU, has taken a year's sabbatical to become Planning and Research Officer at the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Library Programs. MSU Assistant Dean for Public Services Bruce Morton will fill in for Alldredge while she's gone.

School Library News: Pat Jarvi, librarian at Muldown Elementary School, Whitefish, and Rita Schmidt, librarian at Chief Joseph and Morningside Schools, Great Falls, attended the National Education Association's Pacific Region Leadership Conference February 16-18 in Honolulu.

Correction

In last month's issue of the *Montana State Library News Update*, an item about library automation inadvertently omitted the Great Falls Public Library as one of the state's automated libraries. An apology is extended.

Around The State

Public Library Changes: Edith C. McCormick (director), Kathleen C. Knack (assistant director), Madison Valley Public Library, Ennis; Roberta Green, librarian at Phillips County Library, Malta, retired effective April 1.

Special Library Changes: Pat Manlove, librarian at the Western Montana Clinic, Missoula, retired in February after 19 years.

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